

# St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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June 5, 2022

## PENTECOST



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, June 4

5:00 p.m. Frank & Josephine Brozana  
(Don & Joanne Doyne)

### Sunday, June 5

8:15 a.m. Mary Ellen Grabowski  
(Stan & Geri Grabowski)

### Sunday, June 5

10:30 a.m. Ramon Grapsy  
(Joan Grapsy & Family)

### Monday, June 6

6:30 p.m. William & Veronica Schmitt  
(Shawn & Karen Schmitt)

### Tuesday, June 7

6:00 p.m. Assumption BVM School  
Graduation Mass

### Wednesday, June 8

9:00 a.m. St. John's Parish Family

### Thursday, June 9

7:00 p.m. Catherine Bortzel  
(Time Change)

### Friday, June 10

9:00 a.m. George Hahner Sr.  
(Ed Hahner)

### Saturday, June 11

5:00 p.m. John & Margaret Kasinecz  
(John & Barb Powers)

### Sunday, June 12

8:15 a.m. T. Mary Rinaldo  
(Chuck Rinaldo & Daughters)

### Sunday, June 12

10:30 a.m. Betty & Gene Gustitis  
(Annette & Jack Lisowski)

## Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit to the newly-formed Church. Although Pentecost is the end of the Easter season, the coming of the Spirit is a new beginning. It is time for graduations and the end of the school year. We congratulate all of our college, high school, and grade school graduates from St. John's. This time marks a new beginning for them and for many of us as we begin summer and look to a new school year ahead. This Saturday Father Matthew Kuna was ordained a priest in Allentown: another new beginning, not only for Father Matt, but for all the people and places who will benefit from his priestly ministry in the coming years.

Besides the sublime new beginnings we experience in the journey through life, we also need renewal on a very mundane, material level. This weekend we made a short presentation highlighting the maintenance needs of our parish. As I mentioned a few months ago, we need to repair the stone wall between the church and rectory. This is our most immediate and costliest maintenance issue. Our presentation also mentioned other maintenance needs as we look to the future. We will send you a letter that recaps the information in the presentation and respectfully asks you to consider whether you can increase your contributions to our improvements and repairs fund to meet these needs.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting both the spiritual and material well being of our parish. As we celebrate Pentecost, we trust the Holy Spirit to constantly bring renewal to the Church, the world, and to our individual lives.

*In Christ,  
Fr. Bobbin*



*Year of Real*  
**PRESENCE**  
CENTERED IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## Eucharistic Adoration

A holy hour takes place in the **chapel every Monday evening** (unless announced otherwise) from **5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** and **7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** This is a simple holy hour without any formal prayer or Benediction. It is not necessary to come for the entire hour. Just stop by as you desire.

## Pray

We remember in prayer those who are ill or recently deceased. We commend to our Divine Lord all of our aged people and those residing in nursing homes.

### For our Sick

*Sheri Post • Robert Kline • Joanne Schultz*

### For our Deceased

*Ann Lowe*

THE *Power* OF  
**Pentecost**

## Next Week's Readings

**Most Holy Trinity** (June 11/12)

**Reading I:** Proverbs 8:22-31

**Reading II:** Romans 5:1-5

**Gospel:** John 16:12-15

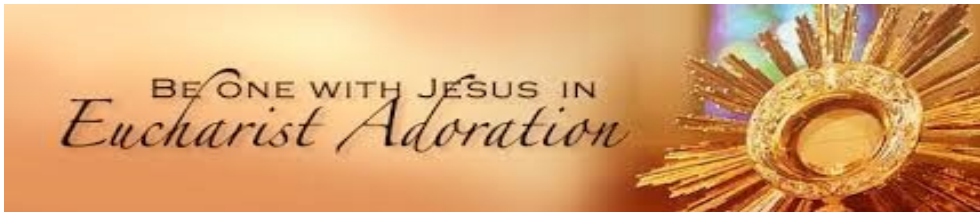
## Upcoming Events

### June

7	6:00 p.m.	Assumption BVM School Graduation .....	Church
8	8:00 p.m.	St. John's Beneficial Society Mtg. ....	F.R.
12	5:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Day .....	Church
13	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council Mtg .....	L.H.
15	7:00 p.m.	Catholic Women's Union Mtg .....	L.H.

**L.H. = Longinus Hall F.R. = Rectory Fellowship Room R.B. = Russell Building**

Tues. 7:15 p.m. Weekly Men's Group ..... Zoom  
Meeting ID: 824-780-6433 ..... Password: Mary



### Eucharistic Day

As our diocese observes the Year of the Real Presence, we will celebrate a **Eucharistic Day** on **Sunday, June 12**. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at the end of the 10:30 Mass. We invite you to spend some time with our Lord in prayer on Sunday afternoon. We will close our day with a Liturgy of the Word and Benediction at 5:00 p.m. We welcome back Fr. Dave as homilist for our closing liturgy.

### Standing with Moms in Need

"The Catholic Church has a long history of service to those who are most vulnerable and remains the largest private provider of social services in the United States. Through the sacrificial efforts of faithful Catholics, the Church serves millions through diocesan ministries and agencies, Catholic hospitals and healthcare systems, immigration clinics, shelters, and Catholic schools and parishes. From religious communities to pregnancy care centers, from refugee resettlement services to foster care and adoption agencies, and from maternity homes to parish-based ministries, the Church consistently bears witness in word and deed to the beauty and dignity of every human life—including both mother and child."

USCCD Committee Chairmen "Standing with Moms in Need"

### Soup Kitchen Cooks/Servers Needed

Provide a welcoming, respectful environment for the homeless and those in need. Individuals are needed to serve a meal at the Pottsville Area Kitchen once a month. Meals are served Monday through Thursday from 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. and Sundays at 12:00 P.M. Currently, we are providing grab and go meals and follow CDC guidelines. All volunteers must complete background checks, trainings and forms. For



### Cemetery Flags

If your loved one / family member was not honored with a flag this Memorial Day weekend, please contact the rectory 570-622-5470 ext. 3.

## Weekly Collection

**May 28/29 .....\$5,021.72**  
**Ascension Thursday .....\$1,150.00**

Thank you for your sacrificial giving by dropping envelopes at the rectory, by mail and online giving.

## Candles

### BVM

1. Health & Welfare of my Children & Grandchildren
2. IMO Frank & Rose Boris by Margaret & Keith Naffin

### St. Joseph

1. IMO Joyce Leinheiser by Family
2. IMO George Hahner Sr. by Hahner Family

### Sanctuary

IMO Joseph Brahler  
by Kathy Brahler & Family

### Guardian Angels

1. IMO Mary Bercher by Joan Bowers
2. IMO Debbie & Christine Bowers by Joan Bowers
- 3&4. IMO Ramon Grapsy by Joan Grapsy & Family

## Liturgical Min. Schedule

### June 11 — 5:00 p.m.

**Reader:** Frank Murphy  
**Euch.Min.:** Gerry Schwartz  
John Crane  
**Servers:** Josh Steffan  
**Cantor:** Mary Bound

### June 12— 8:15 a.m.

**Reader:** Ray Petrilla  
**Euch.Min.:** Charlie Miller  
George Forney  
**Servers:** Luke Schane  
**Cantor:** Dave Derbes

### June 12— 10:30 a.m.

**Reader:** Michelle Ambrose  
**Euch.Min.:** Sharon Snyder  
**Servers:** Michael & Spencer  
Prestileo  
**Cantor:** Marianne Wollyung



## Curiosity Shop / Yard Sale -- Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the May Curiosity Shop/Yard Sale. Thank you also to all those who purchased items, donated baked goods, or volunteered to work at the sale. We are very grateful for all your support!

### Our Volunteers

Chris Black  
Mary Bound  
Kathryn Carroll  
Janet Daubert  
Ann Marie DeFrank  
Joan Deiter  
Millie Fredericks  
Karla Garland  
Mary Beth Harvey  
Pat Klassen  
Lucilla Kochol  
Jan Kurtek  
Maureen Kurtek  
Carol Lasco  
Frances Lorenz  
Charlene Lesher  
Patty O'Neill  
Carole Quirin  
Reene Reddington  
Carol Rehnert  
Rosann Sitkus  
Theresa Skrobak  
Linda Smith

### Our Bakers

Chris Black, Mary Bound, Joan Deiter, Millie Fredericks, Karla Garland, Mary Jane Hahner, Pat Kutch, Charlene Lesher, Frances Lorenz, Carole Quirin, Rosann Sitkus

**Total Profits: \$ 1,201.95**

**LORD,  
SEND OUT YOUR  
SPIRIT,  
AND RENEW THE  
FACE OF THE  
EARTH.**

## Parish Council Nominations

It is now time to nominate new members to the council to fill the places of those whose term has expired. The term of office is three (3) years with the possibility of a second consecutive term

Any parishioner who is at least 21 years old is eligible for nomination. You may nominate yourself or someone else. Please put nominations in the collection basket or mail your nomination to the rectory. When nominating, please don't choose just the most popular people, but choose people who will work for the parish.

We wish to thank the following members who will be completing a three-year term on the Parish Council. They **are eligible** to be nominated for a second three-year term.

**Heidi Gorski, Eric Lieberman, Melissa Scheetz, Martin Smith**

The following should **NOT** be nominated as they are presently serving or finishing their term:

### Term expires 2023

**John Consugar, Darren DeArment, Patty O'Neill, Nick Quinn**

### Term expires 2024

**Joseph Gerchak, Joseph Kurtek, Nannette Major, Al Norkus, John Powers**

President: Robert Bechtel

1st Vice-President: Kevin McNamara

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice- President: Darren DeArment

## Nomination Ballot

### I Nominate:

(a) \_\_\_\_\_

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(a) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to the Rectory or Collection Basket by Sunday, June 5th.**

## Neighboring Events

### Block Party

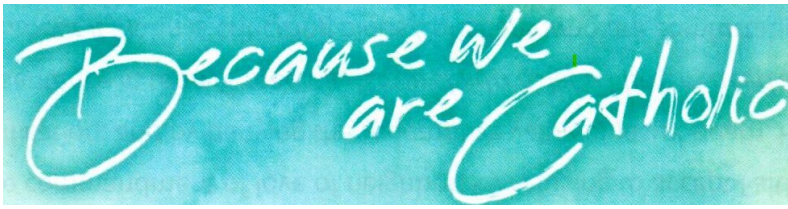
... sponsored by St. Mary's in Ringtown on **Friday, June 10th** from 4 to 10 p.m. and **Saturday, June 11th** from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. ... Homemade Foods, Beer, Raffle Tickets, Basket Auction, Games of Chance, Entertainment on Saturday by Sakes Alive ... rain or shine! Proceeds benefit St. Mary's Church in Ringtown.

### 3rd Annual Horseshoe Tournament

... will take place **Sunday, June 11th** — registration 10 a.m. — tournament begins 11 a.m. — \$20.00 per person. For more information call 570-985-7311. Proceeds benefit St. Mary's Church in Ringtown.

### Flea Market

St. Mary's Church in Hamburg on **Friday, June 17** from 4-7 p.m. and **Saturday, June 18** from 8 to 12 noon. Kitchen open serving breakfast and lunch. For further info call the parish office at 610-562-7657.



Funds raised through the Because We are **Catholic Annual Appeal** are directed to Community Services, Education, Vocations and Parish Life programs and activities throughout the Diocese. The distribution of dollars, which are held in a Trust that is restricted for these purposes, is monitored by a group of volunteer Trust Advisors who represent parish communities in Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton, and Schuylkill Counties.

### Parish Life

- ◆ Year of Real Presence programs at parishes throughout the Diocese.
- ◆ Youth, young adult, family, and campus ministries.
- ◆ Marriage preparation and natural family planning programs.
- ◆ Parish-based outreach and support for Hispanic communities.

The administrative cost of running the Appeal is approximately \$250,000/year, which is about 6%. In other words, every one dollar spent on the Appeal makes an additional \$15 available for direct service, ministries, and pastoral care.

### How can I make a gift?

For your convenience, pledge forms are available at every parish. You can also make a gift by phone or online.

**Donate online at [BecauseWeAreCatholic.org](http://BecauseWeAreCatholic.org) / Phone 800-831.4443.**

## Pentecost Sunday

The gift of **WISDOM** allows us to see God at work in the world and in our lives, giving a deeper meaning to all things.

The gift of **UNDERSTANDING** helps us to comprehend the ways in which we should live in light of the truths of God, so we are not confused or misled by the attractions of the world. Through the right use of this gift, we can use our powers of reason to better understand the truths of existence.



The gift of **COUNSEL**, also called **RIGHT JUDGMENT**, helps us see the difference between what is truly right and what is truly wrong, and then to choose the right. This gift helps us avoid sin and follow the prudent path of virtue that Christ has provided to help us be happy, even in this life.

The gift of **FORTITUDE** or **COURAGE**, helps us to be strong in standing up for what is right, even if we might be misunderstood or mistreated. This is more than physical strength because it includes a firmness of mind required to be faithful to what is good and reject evil, even when it is hard.

The gift of **KNOWLEDGE** is more than information. In this context, KNOWLEDGE refers to a continual interest in knowing the things of God, especially as revealed through God's Word, through His Only-Begotten Son Jesus Christ, and through the continual teachings of His Church.

The gift of **PIETY** or **REVERENCE**, brings an abiding sense of respect for God and the things relating to God that is deeply personal. Through true PIETY, we realize our total dependence upon God and come before Him with humility, trust, and love, helping us give right worship and obedience to God as Creator, Father, Savior, and Sanctifier.

The gift of **FEAR OF THE LORD** helps us appreciate with wonder and awe the magnificent glory and majesty of God, who is All-Perfect in Power, Knowledge, Goodness, Beauty, and Love. With true Fear of the Lord, we come to despise the thoughts of ever being separated from Him – not out of fear of being punished, but with a reverent love.

If we allow these gifts to work in our souls, then they also bear fruit, as Saint Paul tells us:

*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. ... Galatians 5:22-23*

The Sacrament of Confirmation is a person Pentecost that arms us with the grace to do God's Will and to bear fruit that will last into eternity.

June 5, 2022

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11 | 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17 |  
Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

“Peace be with you.” On hearing those four simple words, the fear that had paralyzed the disciples gives way to rejoicing. We, too, can feel paralyzed at times – by fear, yes – but also indecision, conflict, negativity, and perhaps even headlines that remind us how fractured our world has become. Yet here is Jesus, wishing us peace and giving us the gift of Pentecost: our Advocate, the Holy Spirit. As Jesus breathes on the disciples, he confers upon them a Spirit of peace that will allow them to push past their fears and build up the Church. “Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.” We, too, can turn to the Holy Spirit in times of trouble to help us move forward in faith, sharing peace and reconciliation with those we encounter.

### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Sometimes after a tiring or stressful day, I head up to my room, kick my feet up, and mindlessly scan social media or whatever other distractions might pop up on my smart-phone. A friend read somewhere that doing so amounts to effectively putting your time in the shredder! Today’s readings challenge me and all of us to dig deeper. Why not, instead, find a quiet place to pray, asking the Holy Spirit for a refresh as we move into the next part of our day, which is indeed the first minute of the rest of our lives. There’s nothing wrong with downtime! But in the Holy Spirit, we can find a source of inspiration, energy, and creativity. As St. Paul writes to the Corinthians, “There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” Just as Jesus sent out the disciples, he sends us out to share our gifts to build up the Church.

**PRAY** *We thank you, God, for the ways your Holy Spirit helps us see your love through the people and world around us. We thank you for the gifts of the Spirit within us and for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. Holy Spirit, open our hearts as we listen to your word. We ask this in Christ’s name.*



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**Parochial Administrator** ..... *Rev. Kevin J. Bobbin*  
**Deacon** ..... *Lawrence Lonergan*

**Parish Council President** ..... *Robert Bechtel*  
**Choir Director/Organist** ..... *David Derbes*  
**CCD Coordinator** ..... *Lucilla Kochol*

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**St. Joseph Center** ..... (570) 622-4638

**Cemetery Information** ..... (570) 622-5470

#### **C.C.D.**

All children preparing to receive any sacrament must be in a Religious Education Program for two consecutive years immediately prior to receiving a Sacrament. The child must also be a practicing Catholic.

#### **Certificates of Eligibility**

Certificates to act as sponsors, Godparents, etc. will only be issued to parishioners who are formally registered with the church and attend Mass on a regular basis.

#### **Bulletin Deadline**

Monday prior to publication

#### **New Parishioners**

Please call the rectory for an appointment to register.

#### **Sick Calls**

Please notify the parish office.

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturdays ..... 4:15 to 4:45 p.m..  
 Sundays ..... 7:45 to 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 to 10:15 a.m..  
 or by appointment

#### **Sacrament of Marriage**

Please call the Rectory one year in advance.

#### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays at 11:30 a.m.  
 Baptismal Preparation for Parents must precede the Baptism.  
 Please contact Father Bobbin for an appointment.

#### **Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator**

Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., N.C.C., L.P.C. .... (800) 791-9209

#### **Diocesan Secretary for Youth Protection & Catholic Human Services**

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